Leaf disease of the cocoanut palm.

16. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the existence of the leaf disease of the cocoanut palm in Karunagapally, Kartikapally and other coastal regions of the State;

(*b*) what steps were taken by the Agricultural Department to combat the evil;

(*c*) the causes of the leaf disease;

(*d*) whether any research work is being done in regard to this; and

(*e*) if so, the result of the investigation so far made?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Demonstration centres have been opened in the areas largely affected and control measures for combating the disease are demonstrated to the ryots.

(*c*) The disease is caused by the fungus Helminthosporium halodes.

(*d*) Yes. A scheme of research under the auspices of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research for investigating the cause of the disease and to institute measures of control is in operation in the State.

(*e*) The result of the investigation reveals that the disease is caused by the fungus Helminthosporium halodes. The spores of the fungus are blown about along the direction of the prevailing winds, thus causing the spread of the disease. It can be controlled by a concerted campaign of spraying and manuring.

Maintenance of Willingdon Water Works.

17. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of contribution fixed by the Government payable by the Corporation of Trivandrum towards the maintenance of Willingdon Water Works for each of the years commencing from 1111 onwards;

(*b*) the basis on which the amount was arrived at;

(*c*) what is the total cost of actual maintenance of water works in the Trivandrum City for each year from 1111 onwards;

(*d*) whether the Corporation represented to the Government that the sum of contribution demanded by them is far in excess of the actual maintenance expenses?

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Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Rs. 75,000 for 1111 M. E.

Rs.	75,000 for 1112	,,	
Rs.	82,500 for 1113	,,	
Rs.	90,000 for 1114	,,	
Rs.	100,000 for 1115	,,	Limited to the total receipts of the Corporation for each year.
Rs.	125,000 for 1116	,,	
Rs.	135,000 for 1117	,,	
Rs.	145,000 for 1118	,,	
Rs.	145,624-9-0 for 1119	,,	

(*b*) The contribution payable was intended to cover the maintenance charges, depreciation of plant and machinery and pensionary contribution for the maintenance staff.

(*c*) Rs.	61,400-11- 9	for 1111 M. E.	
Rs.	75,068-25- 4	for 1112	,,
Rs.	87,858- 2- 6	for 1118	,,
Rs.	81,602- 2- 9	for 1114	,,
Rs.	91,060-24- 9	for 1115	,,
Rs.	92,466-21-11	for 1116	,,
Rs.	98,725-22- 5	for 1117	,,
Rs.	90,726-27-12	for 1118	,,
Rs.	107,234-21- 9	for 1119	,,

(*d*) Yes.

Sri Chitra Tirunal Road.

18. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the work of the Sri Chitra Tirunal Road was begun;

(*b*) the total length of the road;

(*c*) the length already completed;

(*d*) when the department will be able to complete the road;

(*e*) the number of culverts and bridges on this road;

(*f*) the number of bridges and culverts already completed; and

(*g*) when the department expects to complete the remaining bridges and culverts?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan:

(*a*) In 9/1940.

(*b*) 4 miles and 800 feet.

(*c*) 2 miles.

(*d*) It is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

(*e*) 10 culverts and two bridges.

(*f*) 5 culverts and one bridge.

(*g*) During 1120.

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